

**BDAC Assurances Work Group
Meeting Summary
August 15, 1996**

The first meeting of the BDAC Assurances Work Group was held on Thursday, August 15, 1996 at the Resources Building from 10 a.m. to noon.

BDAC Members of the Work Group present were:

Hap Dunning
Alex Hildebrand
Tib Belza
Rosemary Kamei

Invited Participants in the Work Group present were:

George Basye
B.J. Miller
Gerald Meral
Dennis O'Connor

Other Participants included:

Stu Pyle, BDAC member, KWCA
David Guy, BDAC member, California Farm Bureau
David Briggs, CCWD
Greg Wang, CVP Water Association
Elizabeth Patterson, Friends of the Estuary
Ken Bogden, Jones & Stokes
Michael Jackson, RCRC
Lynn Barris, Butte Environmental Council
Linda Cole, Valley Water Protection Association
Robert Clark, CCV Flood Control Association
Frank Dimick, HYA Consulting Engineers
Stuart Cohen, Sierra Club
Gary Bobker, Bay Institute
Jeanette Thomas, Stockton East Water District
Jeff Jaraczski, NCWA
Tom Hagler, EPA
Penny Howard, USBR
Karen Shaffer, USACE
Stephen Roberts, DWR
William Dunn, Calaveras County Water District

John Mills, RCRC
Randall Neudeck, MWD
Don Jones, MWD
Jim Chatigny, Nevada ID
William Johnston, Modesto ID
Amy Fowler, SCVWD
Kathy Kelly, DWR
Greg Zlotnick, DFG
Larry Puckett, FWS
Dan Fults, Friant Water Users Authority

Introduction

Work Group Chair Hap Dunning opened the meeting. Lester Snow introduced the support team from the CALFED Program for the Work Group. Mary Scoonover will be the Program staff member in charge of the Work Group. She will be assisted by two consultants, David Fullerton and Mike Heaton.

Lester Snow also discussed the purpose and context of the Work Group. Without a package of strong assurances, even a good solution will not be implementable. The Work Group will need to consider mechanisms to provide assurances in several areas:

- Project v. program. Some elements of the solution may be implemented early (e.g., specific projects), while others may take much longer to implement (e.g., ongoing programs). How can we assure that the long-term programs will be implemented as promised?
- Operational certainty. How can we assure that project operations will take place as promised?
- Flexibility. How do we provide assurances on outcomes, when we must manage many elements of the solution adaptively?
- Water Rights. How do we assure protection of water rights?
- Phasing. How do we link different phases together in order to assure full implementation?

Mission and Goals

The Work Group discussed the draft Mission Statement and Goals for the Work Group. After some editing, the group agreed that **its task is to formulate, discuss, analyze and recommend to BDAC appropriate mechanisms to assure implementation of the long-term Bay-Delta solutions identified by the CALFED process.**

B.J. Miller argued that the Mission and Goals should be written so as to focus explicitly on the